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1. GENERAL

HABIB WILL APPEAR BEFORE SFRC AT 10 AM TODAY FOR
CONFIRMATION HEARINGS (WP).

2. INDOCHINA

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MIL SOURCES SAY THIEU DISMISSED TWO FORMER ARVN DIVISION
COMMANDERS WHILE GVN INVESTIGATES CHARGES OF "MIS-
MANAGEMENT" AGAINST THEM. BOTH WERE RELIEVED OF COMMAND
LAST YEAR AND GIVEN SECONDARY STAFF POSTS. AMONG

ACCUSATIONS IS ONE THAT THEY COLLECTED PAY FOR SOLDIERS WHO EXISTED ONLY ON PAPER OR WHO NEVER REPORTED FOR DUTY (CHITRIB).

IN BANGKOK INTERVIEW ON WAY HOME FROM ME TOUR TO DRUM UP ARAB SUPPORT, PM LONG BORET SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT THAT GKR WILL RETAIN UN SEAT DESPITE DETERMINED BID BY COMMUNISTS TO OUST IT. UN DEBATE EXPECTED TO START EARLY OCTOBER (UPI, GLOBE).

AF RETIREE LAIRD GUTTERSON, WHO SPENT FIVE YEARS IN HANOI AS POW, PLANS TWO-WEEK "PILGRIMAGE" TO SEA TO "FIND OUT ABOUT" MIAS (UPI, BALTO N-A 9/10).

3. CHINA

UPI HK REPORTS VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, SPEAKING AT PEKING BANQUET FOR NIGERIAN CHIEF OF STATE GEN. GOWON, URGED THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE USING PETROLEUM AND OTHER RAW MATERIALS AS WEAPON AGAINST US AND USSR. ACCORDING TO LI, "BOTH SUPERPOWERS ARE HAVING A TOUGH TIME." (WP).

AP ITEM FROM UN (GLOBE) CITES PRESS STATEMENTS SIGNED BY CHAO FENG TO EFFECT THAT PRC GRAIN PRODUCTION NOW SUFFICIENT TO FEED ITS "800 MILLION" WITHOUT FOREIGN HELP, AND "THE STATE, THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNES AND THE PEASANTS' FAMILIES HAVE BUILT UP GRAIN RESERVES OF THEIR OWN." AP POINTS OUT THAT PRC HAS MADE LARGE RECENT GRAIN PURCHASES FROM CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

SUN'S MOSCOW BUREAU REPORTS USSR WILL OPEN ACUPUNCTURE CLINICS IN MOSCOW AS PART OF HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. SUN RAISES QUESTION WHETHER SOVIETS WILL PROPOSE SENDING PHYSICIANS TO CHINA FOR ACUPUNCTURE UNCLASSIFIED

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STUDY, INVITE CHINESE SPECIALISTS TO MOSCOW, OR ATTEMPT TO WORK WITH OVERSEAS CHINESE IN SINGAPORE AND ELSEWHERE IN SEA.

AFP REPORTS DEPARTURE FOR CHINA OF SENIOR MALAYSIAN FM OFFICIAL DALI HASHIM TO SET UP MALAYSIA'S FIRST DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN PEKING.

STATISTICS RELEASED BY FINANCE MINISTRY IN TAIPEI SHOW ROC FOREIGN TRADE ROSE 76.2 PERCENT IN FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1974 OVER SAME 1973 PERIOD, TO 8.522 BILLION DOLLARS. IMPORTS EXCEED EPXORTS BY 45.3 MILLION.

4. KOREA

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10,000 DEMONSTRATORS CONVERGED ON JAPANESE EMBASSY
FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE DAY. POLICE USED TEAR GAS
TO DRIVE BACK CROWD, WHICH MADE SEVERAL FUTILE
ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THROUGH LINES GUARDING EMBASSY
(AP WP, PHINQ; CHITRIB; LARGE PHOTO, CHITRIB).
DEMONSTRATORS DEMAND PUNISHMENT OF AGENTS WHO
ALLEGEDLY INSTIGATED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT (GLOBE)

AND DISBANDING OR CONTROL OF PRO-NK GROUPS IN
JAPAN. DEMONSTRATORS ALSO INCENSED BY JAPANESE
KIMURA'S REPORTED STATEMENTS THAT NK POSES NO MILITARY
THREAT AND THAT SEOUL GOVT NOT SOLE LEGITIMATE ONE
ON KOREAN PENINSULA. TANAKA TO SEND SPECIAL ENVOY
TO SEOUL IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY JAPAN'S POSITION
ON ISSUES DISTURBING RELATIONS.

MEANWHILE, ANTI-COMMUNIST PARK FOE BAE DONG-HO CHARGED
AT MEETING OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB OF JAPAN
THAT DEMONSTRATIONS "CLEARLY STAGED" BY ROKG AND
WARNS THAT THEY COULD TURN AGAINST PARK INTO UPRISING
ENDING WITH HIS OVERTHROW (AP, NYT).

5. JAPAN

BRITISH DEPT OF TRADE - SPONSORED REPORT IN LONDON'S
FINANCIAL TIMES PREDICTS JAPAN WILL BECOME RICHEST
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MAJOR ECONOMY IN WORLD ON PER CAPITA BASIS BY 1980'S
OUTSTRIPPING US (REUTER NYDN, CHITRIB; CSM).

MITI SAYS JAPAN TO BUILD MARINE OIL STORAGE STRUCTURES
TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE ON LAND IN ORDER TO KEEP 90 DAY
RESERVES (AFP, WP).

ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS TO SEEK COMPENSATION FROM ROLLS
ROYCE AFTER 6 LOCKHEED TRISTARS GROUNDED BECAUSE OF
ENGINE FAILURES (JOC).

GM AND TOYO KOGYO HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT FOR SHARING
OF ROTARY ENGINE RESERARCH AND TECHNOLOGY AND FOR
MARKETING OF IN JAPAN OF GM-BUILT ROTARY ENGINE
CAR TO BE ASSEMBLED BY GM SUBSIDIARY IN AUSTRALIA,
WITH ENGINE TO BE INSTALLED BY TOYO KOGYO IN JAPAN
(CHITRIB).

KNIGHT NEWS SERVICE REPORTS THAT NIKAIDO, RETURNING
FROM US VISIT, EXTOLS USE OF DOGGIE BAG AND CONDEMNS
WASTE AT GOVT. SPONSORED PARTIES, ISSUING
DIRECTIVE TO ALL JAPANESE GOVT AGENCIES TO REFRAIN FROM
HOLDING THEM. AT LEAST ONE BUSINESSMAN SAID HE WOULD

LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY.OF.PRODUCING DOGG E BAHS 6OR USE
OF BUSYNESSMAN AND OFFICIALS TO BRING HOME THEIRUNCONSUMED
SASHIMI, TERIYAKI, AND RICE (GLOBE).

6. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS SAYS CHIEFS OF ARMED FORCES MADE PACT WITH
HIM WHEN MARTIAL LAW INSTITUTED TO SUBMIT TO
CIVILIAN HEAD OF STATE. SAYS DISCLOSURE MADE BECAUSE
OF SPECULATION THAT ARMED FORCES MIGHT DEPOSE HIM (NYT).

7. AUSTRALIA

JAPANESE AUTOMAKERS MAY ADOPT SELF-RESTRAINT ON
EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA IN EFFORT TO FORESTALL IMPOSITION
OF CURBS BY GOA (JOC).

8. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA
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AUSTRALIA TRADE COMMISSION REPORTS PNG GOVT WANTS
GREATER SHARE OF BOUGAINVILLE COPPER PROFITS FOR
FIRST 6 MONTHS OF YEAR, SEEKING TO EXTEND TERMS OF
NEW AGREEMENT, NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION, TO ENTIRE YEAR
(JOC).

9. NEW ZEALAND

NEW PM ROWLING ANNOUNCES HE WILL SERVE AS FM AS WELL
(AP, NYDN, NYT).

10. THAILAND

AMEMBASSY ANNOUNCES JAILING OF JOHN STEINBECK IV,
SON OF NOVELIST, FOR MONTH IN SONGKHLA AFTER BEING
SEIZED WITH HASHISH ON MALAYSIAN BORDER (AP CHITRIB,
NYDN; NYT; GLOBE).

11. GENERAL

FAO WILL HOLD GENERAL SESSION FOR ASIA AND FAR EAST
IN TOKYO SEPT 17 (AFP, WP).

12. COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

CHINA

BILL BUCKLEY (S-N AND BALTO N-A SEPT 10) VIEWS FORD'S
OHIO STATE SPEECH AS CONTAINING PARADOX: APPLAUDING
ACHIEVEMENTS OF SLAVE STATE IN NOTING THAT CHINESE
ECONOMY WAS "GAINING MOMENTUM," WHILE EXPLAINING
THAT IN ORDER.TO EXPERIENCE-ECONPROGNESAN OT IS

NECESSARY TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY; AND IN ORDER TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY, PEOPLE MUST EXERCISE SELF-RESTRAINT AND CREATIVITY.

BUCKLEY CONCEDES THAT THE "CHINESE CERTAINLY EXERCISE SELF-RESTRAINT," BUT SAYS FOR FORD TO COMMENT SERIOUSLY THAT YOUNG PEOPLE OF CHINA ARE "EXTREMELY WELL-DISCIPLINED" IS TO FLIRT WITH GALLOWS HUMOR. DISCIPLINE UNCLASSIFIED

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IS VIRTUE WHEN SELF-IMPOSED. KIND OF DISCIPLINE THAT WAS EXERCISED BY GALLEY SLAVES IS NOT SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE, EVEN IF IT CAN BE ESTABLISHED THAT THE CRAFT IS "GAINING MOMENTUM."

ANN LANDERS (PHINQ, WP, NYDN), IN THIRD ARTICLE, REPORTS INTERVIEW RESULTS ON QUESTIONS SHE RAISED ABOUT PRE-MARTIAL SEX. CITES CHINESE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN THAT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE REARED TO CONSIDER PRE-MARITAL SEX TO BE HIGHLY IMMORAL AND COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE; YOUNG COUPLES WHO SPEND TIME AMUSING THEMSELVES WITH SEX ARE NOT SERVING THE PEOPLE AND ARE TAKING TIME AND ENERGY FROM STUDY AND WORK. FROM INTERVIEWS, LANDERS ALSO HAS IMPRESSION THERE IS ALSO LESS SEX IN MARRIAGES; NOTES TIE-IN WITH FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM.

BOB CONSIDINE (BALTO N-A SEPT 10), NOTING CHOU'S INABILITY TO RECEIVE CODEL, SAYS PREMIER APPEARS TO BE DYING; "ONLY A GRAVE ILLNESS WOULD HAVE KEPT THE CO-AUTHOR OF THE GREAT DETENTE FROM SITTING DOWN WITH SUCH A GROUP." CONSIDINE REMINISCED ABOUT NIXON'S 1972 VISIT TO PRC. RECALLS THAT "CHOU AND THE NIXONS GOT ALONG FINE DURING THEIR HISTORIC 1972 MEETINGS IN PEKING, HANGCHOW AND SHANGHAI. BUT THEY SHOOK HIM UP OCCASIONALLY." CONSIDINE CITED MINOR CONVERSATIONAL GAMBITS ABOUT BIRDS, ETC.

KOREA

WP'S OBERDORFER IN TOKYO SAYS JAPAN AND KOREA APPEAR TO BE HEADING INTO SHOWDOWN STAGE OF EMOTIONAL DISPUTE. SEPT 10 MEETINGS OF HIGH OFFICIALS IN BOTH CAPITALS CENTERED ON TERMS OF AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE TO BE SENT FROM TOKYO TO SEOUL IN HANDS OF SPECIAL JAPANESE ENVOY.

ROK DEMANDING STRONG APOLOGY FOR FACT THAT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, BY LIFELONG KOREAN RESIDENT OF JAPAN, WAS LAUNCHED FROM JAPANESE SOIL; AND JAPANESE COMMITMENT TO CONTROL ANTI-PARK ACTIVITIES OF KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN. UNCLASSIFIED

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GOJ OFFICIALS BELIEVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEOUL HAVE BEEN TOLERATED IF NOT ENCOURAGED IN ATTEMPT TO APPLY PRESSURE ON JAPAN. SOME REPORTS IN HANDS OF GOJ AUTHORITIES SUGGEST THAT PEDDLERS AND TOUGHS WERE ENCOURAGED TO ATTACK JAPANESE EMBASSY LAST SATURDAY AND GIVEN EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW FAR TO GO.

TOKYO'S MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM INVOLVES DEMAND FOR CRACKDOWN ON CHOSOREN AND TO SOME EXTENT ON OTHER ANTI-PARK KOREAN EXILE GROUPS. JAPAN WILLING TO BAR ESPIONAGE OR OTHER QUASI-MILITARY ACTIVITIES, BUT HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO CURB PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AMONG KOREAN RESIDENTS. ANY ATTEMPT TO SUPPRESS CHOSOREN OR ANTI-PARK NATIONALIST GROUPS COULD BRING ON MAJOR INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS. CHOSOREN CHAIRMAN HAN DUK SOO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT GOJ MAY BE "WAVERING" IN ITS POSITION ON KOREAN DEMANDS. ALSO BAE DONG HO, COORDINATOR OF ANTI-PARK CONGRESS FOR UNIFICATION AND DEMOCRACY, EXPRESSED "ALARM" ABOUT POTENTIAL OUTCOME OF JAPAN-KOREA TALKS.

OBERDORFER REPORTS THAT GOJ WOULD LIKE TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF MESSAGE TO KOREA BEFORE TANAKA LEAVES THURSDAY FOR TRIP TO NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.

INDOCHIN'

IN STRIDENT, EMOTIONAL ARTICLE IN NYT, LIANE NORMAN WRITES OF TWO-MONTH-LONG TIGER CAGE VIGIL AND FAST ON CAPITOL STEPS THAT ENDED AUG 24. CONCEIVED BY AFSC MEMBERS, PROJECT CENTERED ON REPLICA OF "TIGER CAGE" IN WHICH VOLUNTEERS WERE SHACKLED AND FASTED TO PROTEST GVN PRISON SYSTEM AND HUNGER INFLICTED ON VIETS BY "MISALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR ENGINES OF WAR." NORMAN SEES "EXTRAORDINARY" PROJECT AS HAVING CHALLENGED COMFORTING IDEA THAT WAR IS OVER AND CREATED BOND OF UNITY BETWEEN US INMATES OF CAGE REPLICA AND VIETS IN PRISONS. SAYS MOST FREQUENT COMMENT HEARD WAS, "...I THOUGHT WE WERE OUT OF THERE." ASSERTS GVN CANNOT GOVERN WITHOUT MILLIONS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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US AID, SOME OF WHICH IS OVERTLY MILITARY WHILE SOME, DISGUISED AS ECON AID, SUPPORTS ECONOMY "SOLELY GEARED TO WAGING WAR." ASSERTS VIETS SINCE 1945 HAVE STRUGGLED TO RID SELVES OF US DOMINATION ADMINISTERED BY SMALL CLIQUE OF LANDLORDS, BUREAUCRATS AND GENERALS, AND UNTIL US WITHDRAWS ALL SUPPORT AND LEAVES THIEU REGIME TO FIND SUPPORT

-FROM ITS;MUCH-ABUSED PEOPLE-, IT CANNOT BE SAID
THAT WAR IS OVER. SAYS WAR;S INJURIES ARE-MANY AND
DEEP, COST INCALCULABLE; IT WILL BE PAINFUL TO
ADMIT WRONGS DONE, BUT "VIGILERS" CONFRONTED
AMERICANS WITH THIS DIFFICULT TASK. SHE FOUND
PUBLIC ON WHOLE STRONGER THAN LEADERS THINK AND
COMPASSIONATE ENOUGH TO "TAKE ON THAT TASK." KISSINGER

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